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SUBJECT: OXNARD CITY OFFICIALS' VISIT TO LNG FACILITIES

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1. APPOINTMENT WITH MR. TATSUZO YAMAZAKI, TOKYO METROPOLITAN FIRE BOARD, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 17 TO MARCH 14. THE FIRE BOARD INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT MR. YAMAZAKI HAS BEEN REPLACED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL BY MR. SHIGENAO MURAYAMA. EITHER MR. MURAYAMA, OR HIS ASSISTANT, WILL MEET WITH OXNARD REPRESENTATIVES. THE BOARD POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IT HAS NO DIRECT REGULATORY JURISDICTION OVER LNG FACILITIES, AND WOULD PROBABLY REFER OXNARD REPS TO PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT (GAS SAFETY DIVISION) OF THE AGENCY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

2. APPOINTMENT WITH MR. K. SHIZUKAWA, MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14. MR. SHIZUKAWA POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE THE GROUP, HE IS NOT AN EXPERT IN LNG SAFETY REGULATIONS. HE HAS ASKED THAT THE APPOINTMENT ON MARCH 14 BE CONFIRMED.

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3. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MR. AKIO KOBAYASHI OF ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA HEAVY INDUSTRIES, ALSO ON MARCH 14.

4. APPOINTMENT WITH DR. SEIICHI HIRAKAWA, JAPAN NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUMITOMO SHOJI'S TOKYO OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SUMITOMO BANK IN CALIFORNIA, AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS AND PLANT TOURS FOR THE GROUP. OTHER APPONTMENTS WHICH WE KNOW ABOUT ARE: TOKYO GAS CO., MARCH 15, 16, 22, 28, 29; OSAKA GAS CO. MARCH 18, 25, 31.

6. FOR OSAKA/KOBE. NOONAN IS EMBASSY CONTACT.

7. ASSUME GROUP HAS VISAS FOR JAPAN.
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